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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Most of the tables in this publication have been prepared entirely on a monthly basis, to provide easy comparison of data. With a few exceptions, annual and quarterly figures are expressed as Monthly Averages, and these can be converted to actual totals by multiplying by 12 and 3 respectively.

For example (from page 1 opposite):

Marriages in year 1958 -
Monthly average 542
Therefore Annual total = $12 \times 542 =$ 6,504
(Actual figure is 6,505)

Births in March quarter 1959 -
Monthly average 1,698
Therefore quarterly total = $3 \times 1,698 =$ 5,094
(Actual figure is 5,095)

The statistics as published can be adapted to give information in a number of different forms. For instance -

- (1) Details can be obtained for calendar or financial years as required, by addition of figures for the four relevant quarters.
- (2) Progress total for the year to date can be obtained by adding totals of quarters and months.

e.g. If May figures are the latest published, total for the 5 months to May = $3 \times$ monthly average of March quarter + April and May.

This procedure can be used to calculate corresponding figures for the same period of the previous two years, or similar information on a financial year basis.

Details of production on pages 6 - 9 are for selected items only. Particulars for several commodities of considerable importance in this State have been withheld because publication would reveal confidential information.

It should be noted that in many cases particulars for the "current" month are not available when this bulletin is issued. In such instances, the most up-to-date information is shown.

ABBREVIATIONS USED.

Throughout this bulletin the following symbols have been used -

n.a.	Not available	p	Preliminary figures
..	Nil (or less than 0.5)	r	Revised since previous issue

When the symbols "p" and "r" are placed in the column headed "Period" (as for example on page 11), they refer to all figures on that particular line.

DEMOGRAPHY

1.

Period		Births	Marriages	Deaths		Net Migration	Population (b)	
				Infant (a)	Total		Whole State	Metro-politan
MONTHLY AVERAGES								
Year:	1955	1,541	519	36	628	1,286	834,635	508,700
	1956	1,580	523	31	633	1,326	861,912	526,500
	1957	1,628	548	34	631	1,028	886,203	542,300
	1958	1,671	542	37	645	790	907,992	555,200
	1959	1,698	551	35	662	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Quarter:								
Mar.	1957	1,672	576	35	570	1,156	868,687	530,600
June		1,513	572	27	582	547	873,123	534,300
Sept.		1,755	485	43	787	1,391	880,200	538,600
Dec.		1,572	561	30	586	1,016	886,203	542,300
Mar.	1958	1,662	563	33	562	882	892,149	545,900
June		1,619	575	31	607	521	896,750	548,000
Sept.		1,715	485	46	767	712	901,728	551,200
Dec.		1,687	546	41	646	1,047	907,992	555,200
Mar.	1959	1,698	597	35	590	1,149	914,763	559,100
June		1,630	543	30	638	1,032	920,835	562,500
Sept.		1,865	484	49	850	1,154	927,341	566,300
Dec.		r 1,598	580	27	569	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
MONTHLY TOTALS								
Nov.	1957	1,517	540	34	592			
Dec.		1,506	566	22	452			
Jan.	1958	1,775	532	44	681			
						NOT		
Nov.		1,364	562	30	574			
Dec.		1,837	529	40	565			
Jan.	1959	1,771	693	38	664			
						AVAILABLE		
Nov.		r 1,607	487	29	545			
Dec.		r 1,565	551	27	576			
Jan.	1960	1,015	675	39	649			

(a) Under 1 year of age

(b) As at the end of each period

NOTE: Population increases of the State can be calculated from the above figures as the sum of Natural Increase (Births minus Deaths) plus Net Migration.

EMPLOYMENT AND BASIC WAGE

Period		Employment (a)					Basic Wage (b)		
		Total	Government	Private	Principal Industrial Groups				
					Factories	Const- ruction			Retail Trade
		'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	s.	d.
MONTH		MALES							
July	1955	181.5	55.9	125.6	72.7	19.0	12.1	231	0
	1956	187.0	57.1	129.9	73.6	21.2	12.3	241	0
	1957	185.8	58.6	127.2	72.7	20.1	12.1	251	0
	1958	185.8	59.2	126.6	73.0	18.9	12.3	256	0
	1959	191.4	61.8	129.6	75.2	20.7	12.4	271	0
Oct.	1957	185.8	58.7	127.1	73.4	19.1	12.1	251	0
Nov.		185.8	58.7	127.1	73.3	19.0	12.4	251	0
Dec.		185.8	58.5	127.3	73.1	18.7	12.5	251	0
Oct.	1958	186.5	59.6	126.9	73.4	19.1	12.3	256	0
Nov.		186.8	59.6	127.2	73.4	19.1	12.5	256	0
Dec.		187.0	59.4	127.6	73.4	19.1	12.7	256	0
Oct.	1959	192.5	61.9	130.6	76.2	20.3	12.7	271	0
Nov.		193.0	61.8	131.2	76.5	20.2	12.9	271	0
Dec.		193.5	61.7	131.8	76.7	19.8	13.1	271	0
		FEMALES							
July	1955	60.1	12.5	47.6	15.6	0.4	12.6	173	0
	1956	62.7	13.6	49.1	15.6	0.5	13.0	180	6
	1957	62.5	14.0	48.5	15.7	0.5	12.3	188	0
	1958	63.4	14.8	48.6	15.8	0.5	12.1	192	0
	1959	65.6	16.0	49.6	16.0	0.5	12.6	203	0
Oct.	1957	62.9	14.1	48.8	16.0	0.5	12.3	188	0
Nov.		63.5	14.1	49.4	16.0	0.5	12.8	188	0
Dec.		63.3	13.9	49.4	16.3	0.5	12.5	188	0
Oct.	1958	63.8	14.7	49.1	15.8	0.5	12.5	192	0
Nov.		64.2	14.7	49.5	15.7	0.5	12.9	192	0
Dec.		64.2	14.7	49.5	15.6	0.5	13.0	192	0
Oct.	1959	66.8	16.0	50.8	16.5	0.5	12.8	203	0
Nov.		67.7	16.1	51.6	16.7	0.5	13.3	203	0
Dec.		67.5	15.9	51.6	16.7	0.5	13.2	203	0

(a) As at last pay-day in month. EXCLUDING rural workers, female private domestics and defence forces.

(b) At end of month.

UNEMPLOYMENT

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Period	Registered with Commonwealth Employment Service			Unemployment Benefits		
	Vacancies filled	Vacancies available (a)	Applicants awaiting placement (a) (b)	Persons admitted	Amount paid	Persons on Benefit (a)
	No.	No.	No.	No.	£	No.
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year:						
1955	1,953	6,410	1,298	39	743	56
1956	1,902	1,668	3,299	365	4,869	978
1957	1,746	1,430	4,593	624	15,563	1,568
1958	1,865	2,059	5,240	898	33,212	1,703
1959	2,163	2,275	4,813	605	23,049	1,120
Quarter:						
Mar. 1957	2,186	1,365	3,294	395	10,914	481
June	1,594	1,084	4,152	629	9,904	1,054
Sept.	1,586	1,385	4,164	791	17,683	1,233
Dec.	1,621	1,430	4,593	680	23,749	1,568
Mar. 1958	2,463	1,050	5,484	892	26,547	1,521
June	1,495	948	5,873	1,128	33,871	2,258
Sept.	1,604	1,344	5,439	961	42,136	1,930
Dec.	1,899	2,059	5,240	613	30,296	1,703
Mar. 1959	2,543	1,526	5,140	667	24,109	1,116
June	2,198	1,581	4,824	668	24,259	1,332
Sept.	2,107	1,825	4,388	625	24,400	1,226
Dec.	1,803	2,275	4,813	458	19,428	1,120
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
Nov. 1957	1,553	1,428	4,492	847	25,841	1,418
Dec.	1,383	1,430	4,593	641	30,072	1,568
Jan. 1958	2,042	1,722	5,601	744	25,026	1,518
Nov.	1,860	1,769	5,112	695	29,201	1,505
Dec.	1,878	2,059	5,240	552	23,448	1,703
Jan. 1959	2,587	1,884	5,791	875	21,445	1,461
Nov.	1,900	2,180	4,459	425	20,818	1,115
Dec.	1,761	2,275	4,813	415	19,863	1,120
Jan. 1960	2,439	2,136	5,730	929	18,202	1,152

(a) Actual numbers as at the end of the period.

(b) Applicants who stated when registering that they were unemployed. Includes recipients of Unemployment Benefits.

BUILDINGS - COMMENCEMENTS AND COMPLETIONS
(WHOLE STATE)

Period	Houses		Flats		Total Buildings (a)	
	Number (a)	Value (£'000)	Number (a)	Value (£'000)	Number	Value (£'000)
MONTHLY AVERAGES						
COMMENCEMENTS						
Year: 1954-55	599	1,767	6	13	672	2,496
1955-56	698	2,131	11	27	781	3,600
1956-57	569	1,792	25	55	662	2,657
1957-58	579	1,875	42	90	684	2,971
1958-59	677	2,170	63	153	822	3,561
Quarter:						
Dec. 1956	604	1,824	15	27	677	2,430
Mar. 1957	512	1,648	28	69	619	2,972
June	580	1,849	24	52	671	2,643
Sept.	644	2,106	42	108	760	3,029
Dec.	563	1,824	30	51	653	2,710
Mar. 1958	505	1,624	50	104	615	2,961
June	605	1,945	44	97	708	3,187
Sept.	638	2,029	85	238	816	3,612
Dec.	632	2,017	76	171	793	3,389
Mar. 1959	653	2,104	32	67	752	3,226
June	785	2,531	57	136	928	4,020
Sept.	755	2,456	59	150	895	4,276
COMPLETIONS						
Year: 1954-55	610	1,721	9	19	688	2,257
1955-56	643	1,940	7	17	721	2,810
1956-57	599	1,900	19	43	688	2,833
1957-58	634	2,059	31	73	733	3,171
1958-59	679	2,188	53	130	808	3,700
Quarter:						
Dec. 1956	670	2,088	25	64	761	2,986
Mar. 1957	543	1,739	16	37	621	2,863
June	570	1,827	31	61	677	2,850
Sept.	641	2,036	32	82	743	3,003
Dec.	686	2,245	26	59	795	3,393
Mar. 1958	583	1,922	40	94	680	3,028
June	625	2,032	26	55	714	3,258
Sept.	680	2,191	54	131	799	3,244
Dec.	679	2,198	67	167	830	4,685
Mar. 1959	611	1,959	49	123	734	3,158
June	744	2,404	43	98	869	3,712
Sept.	719	2,339	51	119	853	3,771

(a) See notes (b) and (c) on page 5.

BUILDINGS - PERMITS (a)
(METROPOLITAN AREA)

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Period	Houses		Flats		Total Buildings(a)	
	Number (b)	Value (£'000)	Number (b)	Value (£'000)	Number	Value (£'000)
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year: 1954-55	477	1,339	6	11	537	1,845
1955-56	471	1,447	11	17	537	2,080
1956-57	361	1,140	37	64	448	1,526
1957-58	381	1,220	45	73	474	1,740
1958-59	406	1,311	53	125	492	1,953
Quarter:						
Mar. 1957	308	1,000	19	34	376	1,332
June	439	1,386	65	112	558	1,931
Sept.	471	1,519	43	69	567	2,011
Dec.	357	1,127	44	72	449	1,549
Mar. 1958	302	1,006	49	80	397	1,712
June	392	1,228	43	72	485	1,688
Sept.	481	1,533	58	135	569	2,227
Dec.	359	1,155	50	100	446	1,821
Mar. 1959	382	1,238	38	111	450	1,779
June	400	1,319	65	155	502	1,982
Sept.	437	1,482	48	107	527	2,281
Dec.	461	1,526	36	79	531	2,306
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
Nov. 1957	458	1,267	37	59	553	1,628
Dec.	215	798	62	97	303	1,182
Jan. 1958	291	1,030	7	13	339	2,295
Nov.	377	1,227	82	146	494	1,898
Dec.	295	957	41	95	361	1,441
Jan. 1959	312	1,014	26	57	361	1,559
Nov.	685	2,139	33	81	751	2,898
Dec.	261	978	46	93	341	1,662
Jan. 1960	352	1,189	78	174	468	2,629

- (a) Includes Housing Trust, but excludes other Government authorisations.
 (b) Each dwelling unit of maisonettes and flats counted separately.
 (c) Includes factories, shops and other new buildings.

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

Period	Coal	Iron Ore (a)	Electricity	Clay Bricks (b)	Cement Roofing Tiles	Sawn Timber (c)
	tons	tons	'000 K.W.H.	'000	'000	'000 sup.ft.
MONTHLY AVERAGES						
Year: 1954-55	41,343	247,561	93,270	6,069	694	6,829
1955-56	37,555	268,980	100,293	6,235	805	8,295
1956-57	43,829	297,834	109,601	6,409	687	7,773
1957-58	59,131	276,729	131,737	6,998	650	6,909
1958-59	61,269	284,697	p 132,643	p 8,787	p 664	p 9,615
Quarter:						
Sept. 1957	64,656	263,655	142,000	7,194	669	6,505
Dec. 1957	50,323	295,178	129,100	6,890	640	6,263
Mar. 1958	63,951	273,373	126,000	6,709	633	6,839
June 1958	57,593	274,712	129,800	7,200	658	8,030
Sept. 1958	69,083	287,921	p 141,816	p 8,852	p 679	p 8,814
Dec. 1958	61,046	281,526	p 120,434	p 8,861	p 574	p 9,091
Mar. 1959	54,418	278,090	p 128,145	p 7,989	p 584	p 8,847
June 1959	60,530	291,251	p 140,179	p 9,445	p 820	p 11,708
Sept. 1959	56,295	289,128	p 157,859	p 9,882	p 930	p 11,110
Dec. 1959	58,882	282,600	p 147,555	p 9,442	pr 870	p 9,951
MONTHLY TOTALS						
Nov. 1957	53,036	n.a.	129,700	7,314	689	6,528
Dec. 1957	40,951	n.a.	128,500	5,989	503	5,786
Jan. 1958	61,554	n.a.	128,600	5,973	528	6,150
Nov. 1958	63,353	n.a.	p 117,528	p 8,840	p 603	p 9,067
Dec. 1958	56,467	n.a.	p 118,992	p 8,201	p 507	p 9,348
Jan. 1959	55,697	n.a.	p 124,264	p 6,334	p 381	p 7,099
Nov. 1959	57,562	n.a.	p 147,377	p 10,056	p 959	p 10,424
Dec. 1959	60,516	n.a.	p 146,120	p 8,485	pr 856	p 9,222
Jan. 1960	62,126	n.a.	p 144,396	p 7,327	p 729	n.a.

(a) Includes Jaspalite.

(b) Standard size, common and coloured.

(c) From Australian logs only.

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

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Period	Paints (other than water)& Enamels	Water Paints (Emulsion type)	Fibrous Plaster Sheets	Electric Storage Hot Water Systems	Electric Washing Machines	Bath Heaters (all kinds)	Caravans
	galls	galls	Sq. yds	No.	No.	No.	No.
MONTHLY AVERAGES							
Year: 1954-55	n.a.	n.a.	91,417	478	6,432	1,014	29
1955-56	n.a.	n.a.	86,102	509	5,897	1,007	63
1956-57	n.a.	n.a.	74,868	379	4,348	951	66
1957-58	106,419	25,437	76,293	428	5,182	902	70
1958-59 p	99,554	16,531	84,852	514	6,467	830	77
Quarter:							
Sept. 1957	100,056	35,442	80,699	471	4,575	1,178	66
Dec.	119,989	32,316	78,621	416	4,673	980	87
Mar. 1958	112,679	19,715	67,394	376	5,121	666	73
June	92,951	14,275	78,457	448	6,359	784	55
Sept. p	106,590	20,451	88,825	505	6,647	1,041	76
Dec. p	113,969	17,339	81,838	509	6,528	863	111
Mar. 1959 p	87,269	14,270	79,844	472	5,413	679	61
June p	90,389	14,065	88,902	568	7,278	737	59
Sept. p	93,469	12,619	101,397	682	6,883	948	85
Dec. p	94,216	16,582	r 91,163	r 587	5,253	613	125
MONTHLY TOTALS							
Nov. 1957	132,636	34,192	85,340	479	4,562	962	90
Dec.	108,199	22,988	64,329	329	4,781	816	85
Jan. 1958	99,989	25,960	66,960	319	3,875	694	55
Nov. p	120,063	17,691	81,159	434	6,401	859	119
Dec. p	103,050	16,719	70,211	562	6,083	664	107
Jan. 1959 p	64,309	12,505	65,266	390	4,216	526	48
Nov. p	101,809	19,052	96,820	r 583	5,601	603	120
Dec. p	84,551	15,939	r 81,209	r 538	4,416	589	126
Jan. 1960 p	66,722	12,229	67,756	495	4,337	468	62

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

Period	Inner Spring Mattresses	Footwear (a)	Men's 2 piece suits	Sports trousers	Meat (b)	
					Beef and Veal	Lamb and Mutton
	No.	pairs	No.	pairs	tons	tons
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year: 1954-55	2,784	127,953	n.a.	n.a.	2,869	4,154
1955-56	3,526	128,112	n.a.	n.a.	3,126	3,695
1956-57	3,601	133,352	n.a.	n.a.	3,355	3,547
1957-58	4,127	139,259	2,179	6,544	3,423	4,473
1958-59 p	4,142	133,479	2,210	4,713	3,479	4,510
Quarter:						
Sept. 1957	4,331	150,138	2,590	6,646	3,461	3,484
Dec. 1957	4,383	131,387	2,527	6,429	3,420	6,460
Mar. 1958	3,981	127,128	1,945	6,673	3,280	4,549
June 1958	3,814	148,381	1,655	6,427	3,529	3,401
Sept. p	4,190	144,857	2,495	4,314	3,102	3,780
Dec. p	4,215	129,360	2,313	5,725	3,631	6,634
Mar. 1959 p	3,813	106,764	1,853	4,233	3,636	4,036
June p	4,349	152,935	2,180	4,582	3,548	3,589
Sept. p	4,529	140,143	2,581	4,333	3,106	4,738
Dec. p	4,819	132,888	2,756	4,900	2,996	6,706
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
Nov. 1957	4,312	140,352	2,528	6,934	3,174	6,361
Dec. 1957	4,408	107,852	2,446	6,342	3,329	5,197
Jan. 1958	3,575	89,932	1,580	3,760	3,535	4,438
Nov. p	3,663	129,666	2,174	5,968	3,672	6,603
Dec. p	4,759	111,379	2,081	4,663	3,599	5,390
Jan. 1959 p	3,022	65,080	1,453	2,616	3,482	3,924
Nov. p	4,416	141,755	2,783	5,939	2,930	6,877
Dec. p	5,841	115,984	2,144	3,881	2,911	5,356
Jan. 1960 p	3,417	88,528	1,688	3,649	2,953	5,141

(a) Excludes infants' soft-soled nursery footwear.

(b) Bone-in weight.

PRODUCTION - SELECTED COMMODITIES

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Period	Butter (a)	Cheese (a)	Bacon and Ham (b)	Confect- ionery	Margarine	Aerated Waters
	'000 lbs.					'000 gall.
MONTHLY AVERAGES						
Year: 1954-55	1,588	2,446	582	357	171	574
1955-56	1,598	2,358	617	391	190	621
1956-57	1,576	2,232	590	415	238	546
1957-58	1,313	1,959	554	409	257	612
1958-59 p	1,317	2,084	541	450	273	684
Quarter:						
Sept. 1957	1,625	2,565	544	471	315	n.a.
Dec. 1957	1,885	3,491	680	385	216	n.a.
Mar. 1958	884	966	500	351	230	844
June 1958	856	815	493	429	267	454
Sept. p	1,575	2,428	538	520	314	416
Dec. p	1,911	3,736	669	430	238	819
Mar. 1959 p	906	1,233	454	348	257	987
June p	876	939	505	500	284	515
Sept. p	1,284	2,274	563	566	314	573
Dec. p	1,533	3,314	676	445	258	1,022
MONTHLY TOTALS						
Nov. 1957	1,920	3,704	626	390	187	n.a.
Dec. 1957	1,554	2,641	763	323	118	n.a.
Jan. 1958	1,235	1,693	488	276	283	1,034
Nov. p	1,869	3,947	615	439	202	833
Dec. p	1,655	3,123	806	387	145	1,006
Jan. 1959 p	1,169	1,989	426	280	290	1,324
Nov. p	1,539	3,377	620	512	269	1,174
Dec. p	1,372	2,556	799	374	146	1,129
Jan. 1960 p	n.a.	n.a.	440	282	n.a.	n.a.

(a) Factory production only.

(b) Finished weight.

EXPORTS - QUANTITY OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

Period	Lamb	Wheat	Barley	Wool (a)	Lead (Pig)	Minerals (b)
	'000 lbs	'000 bush	'000 bush	'000 lbs	'000 cwt	'000 cwt
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>						
Year: 1954-55	2,136	1,164	1,228	9,763	229	421
1955-56	1,437	1,325	1,159	11,772	239	470
1956-57	1,123	1,677	1,559	12,967	268	491
1957-58	1,394	1,229	1,466	11,516	272	655
1958-59 p	1,790	1,212	1,483	r 12,958	237	510
<u>Quarter:</u>						
Mar. 1957	782	1,809	2,137	13,492	290	451
June	6	1,549	1,887	14,432	243	428
Sept.	148	1,366	2,600	10,665	262	1,038
Dec.	3,980	1,584	1,118	14,817	253	630
Mar. 1958	1,075	1,136	856	10,970	301	554
June	374	829	1,290	9,610	270	397
Sept. p	558	914	1,458	r 9,279	203	555
Dec. p	4,389	1,044	132	16,311	252	571
Mar. 1959 p	2,161	1,678	2,415	12,850	241	278
June p	51	1,212	1,926	13,390	253	636
Sept. p	331	r 2,188	1,284	r 11,355	139	r 539
Dec. p	2,547	711	2,405	17,806	281	318
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>						
Oct. 1957	2,203	1,851	2,095	15,795	324	823
Nov.	2,348	1,698	972	17,303	262	742
Dec.	7,388	1,204	287	11,352	174	326
Oct. 1958 p	1,864	1,567	53	16,011	331	587
Nov. p	5,339	982	254	18,506	257	619
Dec. p	5,964	583	89	14,417	168	506
Oct. 1959 p	1,783	264	2,491	15,485	252	331
Nov. p	2,891	1,374	3,216	r 21,697	365	r 416
Dec. p	2,966	494	1,507	16,236	226	206

(a) Greasy, including scoured, tops, noils and soft wool waste converted to greasy equivalent.

(b) Mainly copper, lead and zinc concentrates and ores.

EXPORTS - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

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Period	Total Exports	Lamb	Wheat	Barley	Wool	Lead (Pig)	Minerals (a)
£'000							
MONTHLY AVERAGES							
Year: 1954-55	8,139	223	825	658	2,883	1,399	406
1955-56	7,923	141	921	586	2,919	1,598	397
1956-57	10,244	95	1,152	772	4,122	1,834	599
1957-58	8,323	139	890	716	3,045	1,309	653
1958-59 p	7,578	179	847	855	2,628	1,036	435
Quarter:							
Mar. 1957	11,072	65	1,274	1,101	4,408	2,007	578
June	10,822	1	1,066	881	4,970	1,556	458
Sept.	9,476	15	960	1,186	3,258	1,454	1,095
Dec.	9,502	398	1,142	r 503	4,060	1,291	745
Mar. 1958	7,462	104	830	470	2,747	1,316	402
June	6,854	37	630	705	2,115	1,173	368
Sept. p	6,426	56	686	804	2,020	867	433
Dec. p	7,540	r 440	763	r 77	3,160	1,178	r 498
Mar. 1959 p	8,002	215	1,150	1,437	2,466	1,042	155
June p	8,343	5	790	1,101	2,869	1,059	653
Sept. p	r 7,810	33	1,529	615	r 2,565	599	574
Dec. p	9,527	189	510	1,042	4,308	1,281	381
MONTHLY TOTALS							
Oct. 1957	11,592	219	1,339	972	4,638	1,699	1,148
Nov.	9,984	235	1,205	414	4,578	1,346	675
Dec.	6,931	739	882	122	2,964	827	413
Oct. 1958 p	8,257	186	1,165	29	3,083	1,642	423
Nov. p	8,065	539	705	151	3,631	1,156	692
Dec. p	6,298	596	418	52	2,765	735	378
Oct. 1959 p	8,349	178	192	1,053	3,636	1,102	318
Nov. p	12,136	193	977	1,423	5,421	1,694	r 476
Dec. p	8,095	197	360	650	3,866	1,048	350

(a) Mainly copper, lead and zinc concentrates and ores.

IMPORTS - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

Period	Total Imports	Motor Vehicles & Parts	Machinery		Iron & Steel (b)	Textiles	Timber
			Electric Motors (a)	Other			
£'000							
MONTHLY AVERAGES							
Year: 1954-55	5,400	886	225	638	607	350	209
1955-56	5,229	707	289	661	582	281	281
1956-57	3,784	378	230	551	282	208	234
1957-58	3,925	367	251	614	212	263	223
1958-59	3,779	433	312	560	166	235	172
Quarter:							
Dec. 1956	3,743	372	198	535	201	186	260
Mar. 1957	3,428	298	222	507	279	202	233
June	3,195	234	197	472	241	205	225
Sept.	4,357	398	297	786	276	294	192
Dec. 1958	3,964	399	209	600	184	225	217
Mar. 1958	4,052	369	315	621	231	302	245
June	3,328	304	181	447	157	230	238
Sept.	3,659	431	284	521	167	255	214
Dec. 1959	3,970	338	261	566	162	221	169
Mar. 1959	3,647	316	396	553	188	257	124
June	3,840	647	308	600	147	207	181
Sept. p	4,499	613	373	651	154	242	218
MONTHLY TOTALS							
Sept. 1957	3,749	259	262	551	301	271	128
Oct.	4,443	320	193	483	140	242	261
Nov.	4,408	644	235	806	227	239	273
Sept. 1958	3,591	232	237	617	162	288	318
Oct.	4,665	357	367	579	174	238	101
Nov.	3,435	430	216	556	150	211	94
Sept. 1959 p	5,053	833	528	770	165	229	251
Oct. p	3,999	322	427	899	64	173	120
Nov. p	4,446	544	384	751	190	255	149

(a) Dynamo electrical machinery and electrical appliances and equipment.

(b) Metal and semi-manufactures (basic shapes), except wire, but including structural iron and steel.

Period	New Motor Vehicles Registered				Licences Issued		Telephone Services Connected
	Total (a)	Cars	Station Wagons	Trucks & Utilities	Radio	Tele-vision	
MONTHLY AVERAGE	Number of New Registrations				No.	No.	No.
Year: 1955	2,309	1,567	19	461	1,366	..	1,106
1956	1,937	1,278	23	414	1,627	..	1,325
1957	1,906	1,279	51	367	1,486	..	1,337
1958	1,966	1,246	152	357	1,692	..	1,438
1959	2,139	1,253	272	396	1,589	2,838	1,619
Quarter:							
Mar. 1957	1,804	1,221	22	379	1,391	..	1,180
June	1,848	1,233	56	366	1,642	..	1,195
Sept.	1,863	1,249	52	350	1,572	..	1,557
Dec. 1957	2,108	1,412	76	373	1,340	..	1,414
Mar. 1958	1,863	1,160	100	342	1,326	..	1,592
June	1,938	1,268	145	324	1,850	..	1,334
Sept.	1,891	1,209	158	343	1,799	..	1,334
Dec. 1958	2,158	1,340	204	414	1,795	..	1,492
Mar. 1959	1,929	1,156	199	389	1,444	..	1,341
June	1,947	1,088	234	403	1,897	2,007	2,032
Sept.	2,135	1,222	313	377	1,644	3,752	1,595
Dec. 1959	2,546	1,546	342	416	1,372	5,594	1,509
MONTHLY TOTALS							
Nov. 1957	2,160	1,444	82	400	1,698	..	1,489
Dec. 1957	2,070	1,409	82	331	1,067	..	1,074
Jan. 1958	1,665	1,026	47	280	1,125	..	1,384
Nov. 1958	2,189	1,299	219	453	1,408	..	1,487
Dec. 1958	2,151	1,339	226	378	2,094	..	1,394
Jan. 1959	1,738	1,064	140	351	1,328	..	1,360
Nov. 1959	2,612	1,536	366	441	1,147	5,974	1,431
Dec. 1959	2,502	1,538	307	418	1,210	5,065	1,471
Jan. 1960	1,455	918	137	228	1,066	4,614	1,496
AS AT 31ST JAN.	Total Vehicles on Register (b)				Total (c)		
1958	256,913	169,499		66,379	236,136	..	165,190
1959	267,239	179,760		67,248	244,273	..	175,961
1960	271,537	187,709		65,771	249,543	38,674	187,851

(a) Includes other types of vehicles, e.g. Buses, Motor Cycles.

(b) Figures supplied by Registrar of Motor Vehicles - NOT directly comparable with New Registrations, e.g. Cars include station wagons.

(c) Total existing licences and phones includes Northern Territory (as at 30th June, 1959, Radio licences 3,260, Phones 3,211).

RETAIL SALES

Period		Food-stuffs (a)	Beer, Wine & Spirits	Clothing Footwear etc.	Electrical Goods (b)	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. motor vehicles)	Motor Vehicles
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>		£ million						
Year:	1952-53	4.0	1.2	2.8	0.6	3.4	12.0	3.8
	1953-54	4.3	1.3	3.0	0.7	3.7	13.0	4.3
	1954-55	4.8	1.4	3.3	0.7	4.0	14.2	5.1
	1955-56	5.2	1.5	3.5	0.8	4.3	15.3	5.5
	1956-57	5.6	1.7	3.4	0.8	4.5	16.0	5.6
	1957-58	5.7	1.7	3.4	0.9	4.5	16.2	5.6
	1958-59 p	6.2	1.6	3.6	r 1.1	4.7	r 17.2	6.0
Quarter:								
Dec.	1956	5.9	1.9	3.9	0.9	5.1	17.7	5.8
Mar.	1957	5.5	1.8	2.9	0.7	4.3	15.2	5.5
June		5.6	1.5	3.7	0.7	4.3	15.8	5.7
Sept.		5.6	1.5	3.3	0.7	4.3	15.4	5.6
Dec.		5.8	1.9	4.0	1.1	5.1	17.9	5.8
Mar.	1958	5.6	1.8	2.9	0.9	4.2	15.4	5.6
June		5.7	1.5	3.6	0.8	4.4	16.0	5.4
Sept.	p	5.9	1.4	3.4	0.9	4.5	16.1	5.7
Dec.	p	6.5	1.8	4.1	1.1	5.3	18.8	6.3
Mar.	1959 p	6.2	1.8	3.0	0.9	4.4	16.3	6.0
June	p	6.3	1.5	3.9	r 1.2	4.7	r 17.6	6.2
Sept.	p	6.3	1.5	3.7	1.5	4.9	r 17.9	6.0

- (a) Includes groceries, butchers' meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread.
- (b) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc.
- (c) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., newspapers, books and stationery, chemists' goods, grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc. Excludes basic building materials (e.g. timber, roofing tiles, bricks, etc.).

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE (a)

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(Of Finance Businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail, but do not retail goods themselves)

Period	Number of agreements	Value of goods sold (b)	Amount financed (c)	Balances outstanding (end of period)
	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>				
Year: 1954-55	7,395	2,296	1,403	18,633
1955-56	7,852	2,471	1,518	21,618
1956-57	8,521	2,810	1,770	25,349
1957-58	10,765	2,921	1,898	28,761
1958-59	11,817	3,151	2,077	32,862
Quarter:				
Mar. 1957	8,195	2,776	1,754	25,226
June	8,482	2,599	1,640	25,349
Sept.	9,645	2,683	1,726	25,800
Dec.	11,717	3,084	2,011	27,454
Mar. 1958	10,714	2,920	1,895	27,898
June	10,986	2,996	1,961	28,761
Sept.	11,427	3,008	1,964	29,719
Dec.	13,145	3,474	2,293	31,867
Mar. 1959	11,164	2,963	1,952	32,143
June	11,531	3,160	2,099	32,862
Sept.	11,898	3,381	2,254	34,346
Dec.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	p 37,539
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>				
Oct. 1957	10,895	3,054	1,945	26,191
Nov.	11,702	3,171	2,068	26,727
Dec.	12,554	3,028	2,020	27,454
Oct. 1958	12,398	3,528	2,332	30,328
Nov.	11,841	3,202	2,063	30,965
Dec.	14,868	3,654	2,451	31,867
July 1959	11,746	3,284	2,173	33,380
Aug.	11,110	3,136	2,080	33,612
Sept.	12,839	3,723	2,508	34,346
Oct.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	p 35,105
Nov.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	p 36,093
Dec.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	p 37,539

(a) Includes Northern Territory.

(b) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hire charges and insurance).

(c) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

STATE FINANCE - CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND

Period	Receipts			Payments			
	Total	Cwlth Grants	Business under-takings	Total	Social Services	Debt Charges	Business under-takings
£'000							
<u>MONTHLY AVERAGES</u>							
Year: 1954-55	4,324	1,343	1,752	4,510	1,159	815	1,556
1955-56	4,950	1,665	1,885	5,069	1,363	982	1,593
1956-57	5,480	1,885	1,995	5,484	1,504	1,101	1,639
1957-58	5,887	2,050	2,109	5,920	1,659	1,217	1,705
1958-59	6,057	2,089	2,099	6,142	1,908	1,340	1,601
Quarter:							
Mar. 1957	5,614	1,687	2,149	4,979	1,380	957	1,515
June	6,583	2,668	1,926	6,262	1,702	1,439	1,754
Sept.	4,820	1,700	1,726	3,962	1,549	901	1,720
Dec.	6,002	1,842	2,626	6,320	1,674	1,344	1,762
Mar. 1958	5,806	1,710	2,236	5,492	1,554	899	1,620
June	6,919	2,949	1,849	6,907	1,857	1,721	1,716
Sept.	4,627	1,724	1,390	5,193	1,747	994	1,611
Dec.	6,433	1,820	2,832	6,693	1,945	1,457	1,603
Mar. 1959	5,784	1,770	2,175	5,617	1,772	1,090	1,538
June	7,383	3,043	1,998	7,066	2,167	1,817	1,651
Sept.	5,201	1,916	1,666	5,898	2,096	1,198	1,719
Dec.	6,775	2,037	2,762	7,030	2,162	1,536	1,645
<u>MONTHLY TOTALS</u>							
Nov. 1957	7,110	1,699	3,973	7,823	1,552	1,941	1,715
Dec.	5,937	2,115	1,874	4,968	1,802	447	1,659
Jan. 1958	6,262	1,651	2,465	5,886	1,529	798	1,626
Nov.	5,602	1,753	2,220	6,652	1,728	2,149	1,549
Dec.	6,752	1,777	2,632	5,489	2,310	440	1,551
Jan. 1959	5,944	1,793	2,024	5,126	1,645	823	1,490
Nov.	8,118	2,303	3,922	8,232	1,916	2,010	1,697
Dec.	6,805	1,903	2,306	6,560	2,580	768	1,577
Jan. 1960	6,487	1,904	2,127	5,596	1,892	899	1,699

Period	Real Estate			Savings Banks	Cheque Paying Banks		
	Mortgages		Trans-ferred	Balance of Deposits	Balance of Deposits (a)	Balance of Advances (a)	Debits to Clients' Accounts (b)
	Loaned	Dis-charged					
MONTHLY AVERAGES				£'000			
Year: 1954-55	3,107	1,321	5,391	127,325	124,458	52,117	36,339
1955-56	3,186	1,405	5,537	133,068	122,374	54,499	39,618
1956-57	3,538	1,306	5,190	138,352	126,242	53,260	42,773
1957-58	3,695	1,697	6,034	145,615	134,711	57,286	44,370
1958-59	4,747	1,795	6,541	151,427	132,179	62,791	46,291
Quarter:							
Mar. 1957	3,637	1,324	5,307	138,305	133,002	51,906	44,072
June	3,661	1,410	5,811	139,796	133,516	52,803	45,146
Sept.	3,841	1,849	6,146	143,757	130,381	52,377	43,135
Dec.	3,401	1,504	5,551	146,000	136,037	56,194	46,114
Mar. 1958	3,572	1,613	5,935	146,176	141,178	57,502	43,260
June	3,968	1,820	6,504	146,529	131,350	62,985	44,969
Sept.	5,402	2,234	6,615	149,596	125,208	63,253	42,559
Dec.	4,391	1,643	6,041	150,415	129,536	63,483	47,647
Mar. 1959	4,123	1,345	6,198	151,732	138,129	61,897	46,626
June	5,071	1,957	7,309	153,966	136,299	62,462	48,252
Sept.	5,002	2,374	7,881	159,107	132,003	64,645	49,587
Dec.	5,086	2,094	7,665	162,352	135,605	66,717	55,022
MONTHLY TOTALS							
Nov. 1957	3,381	1,547	5,449	146,229	136,370	56,584	45,718
Dec.	2,562	1,364	5,166	145,686	137,908	57,987	48,947
Jan. 1958	3,713	1,878	4,813	146,354	139,610	57,311	39,156
Nov.	4,381	1,662	5,951	150,600	130,068	63,936	46,011
Dec.	4,432	1,601	5,477	150,643	130,812	63,908	51,399
Jan. 1959	3,574	1,727	4,879	150,836	130,946	64,150	39,211
Nov.	5,813	2,489	7,569	162,931	135,792	67,519	53,259
Dec.	4,183	1,557	7,761	162,200	138,314	66,238	58,862
Jan. 1960	5,034	2,242	6,468	n.a.	139,416	66,234	n.a.

- (a) Average of balances at close of business on Wednesdays during the period. Banks were exempted from submitting returns for the 5th Wednesday in December, 1954, and the 4th Wednesday in December of the following years.
- (b) Average of debits during weeks ending on Wednesdays in the period. Includes Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank, and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank.

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES, ADELAIDE

Period		"C" SERIES INDEX						
		(Base of each group: weighted average of six capital cities 1923-27 = 1,000)						
		Food and Groceries		Rent	Clothing	Miscellaneous	All Groups	
		A	B				A	B
Year	1954-55	-	2,590	1,197	3,231	2,116	-	2,311
	1955-56	2,659	2,734	1,303	3,228	2,177	2,371	2,398
	1956-57	2,724	2,847	1,415	3,240	2,252	2,437	2,481
	1957-58	2,707	2,687	1,524	3,324	2,345	2,494	2,484
	1958-59	2,924	2,910	1,641	3,333	2,362	2,602	2,597
Quarter:	Mar. 1958	2,646	2,635	1,516	3,329	2,350	2,472	2,466
	June	2,763	2,727	1,592	3,355	2,350	2,537	2,522
	Sept.	2,853	2,815	1,618	3,356	2,364	2,577	2,563
	Dec.	2,899	2,894	1,640	3,331	2,364	2,593	2,591
	Mar. 1959	2,936	2,946	1,651	3,319	2,360	2,605	2,609
	June	3,007	2,984	1,657	3,325	2,359	2,632	2,625
	Sept.	3,044	3,024	1,680	3,355	2,434	2,672	2,665
	Dec.	3,036	3,037	1,706	3,402	2,454	2,689	2,690
Period		INTERIM INDEX						
		(Base of each group: 1952-53 = 100)						
		Food		Rent	Clothing and Drapery	Other	All Groups	
		A	B				A	B
Year:	1954-55	106.3	106.2	105.6	102.9	99.9	103.6	103.6
	1955-56	108.7	111.1	114.9	102.9	103.7	106.3	107.2
	1956-57	111.1	114.9	124.8	103.9	107.9	109.5	110.9
	1957-58	112.2	114.9	134.6	107.1	111.2	112.6	112.5
	1958-59	118.0	118.0	144.9	107.9	113.0	116.4	116.4
Quarter:	Mar. 1958	110.9	110.8	133.9	107.2	111.4	112.1	112.1
	June	114.2	113.4	140.6	108.1	111.6	114.2	114.0
	Sept.	116.0	115.3	143.0	108.2	112.6	115.4	115.2
	Dec.	116.9	117.2	144.8	108.0	112.6	115.9	116.0
	Mar. 1959	118.4	119.1	145.7	107.6	113.3	116.6	116.8
	June	120.7	120.5	146.2	107.8	113.5	117.6	117.5
	Sept.	121.2	121.1	148.1	108.7	117.5	119.2	119.2
	Dec.	120.3	120.8	150.4	109.8	119.1	119.8	120.0

A excludes and B includes price movements of potatoes and onions.

RAINFALL - AGRICULTURAL AREAS

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Period		Statistical Division						Whole State
		Central	Lower North	Upper North	South Eastern	Western	Murray Mallee	
TOTALS FOR PERIOD		Inches						
	Mean (a)	18.17	16.62	14.04	23.78	14.01	12.66	15.84
Year:	1955	22.72	19.28	17.03	27.01	17.42	16.68	19.36
	1956	20.88	21.13	18.45	28.10	21.46	16.51	20.46
	1957	11.36	10.62	10.23	17.39	8.73	8.19	10.06
	1958	17.29	15.70	17.29	23.59	16.02	r 13.58	r 16.25
	1959 p	r 10.95	r 9.50	9.30	r 14.06	8.33	r 8.12	r 9.43
Wheatgrowing Season (Apr.-Nov.)	- Mean (a)	14.99	13.46	10.81	19.69	11.68	9.70	12.85
	1955	18.70	15.24	12.76	23.72	14.44	13.00	15.71
	1956	18.86	18.98	16.09	24.78	19.26	13.82	18.18
	1957	10.38	9.36	8.15	14.44	7.34	6.58	8.67
	1958	15.65	13.67	15.32	22.27	13.20	r 11.98	r 14.21
	1959 p	7.19	6.01	5.90	r 8.76	r 5.83	5.38	r 6.22
Month:	Jan. 1959 p	0.19	0.32	0.54	0.28	0.08	0.20	0.21
	Feb. p	0.85	0.92	0.79	1.19	0.70	0.83	0.83
	Mar. p	1.45	1.44	1.39	2.03	1.16	1.04	1.31
	April p	0.27	0.30	0.11	r 0.42	r 0.23	0.09	0.23
	May p	0.46	0.26	0.47	r 0.64	0.57	0.37	0.44
	June p	0.40	0.43	0.23	0.84	0.46	0.27	0.41
	July p	1.16	1.44	1.79	1.38	1.15	0.63	1.15
	Aug. p	1.47	1.03	0.56	2.66	0.61	0.87	1.03
	Sept. p	1.33	1.01	1.17	1.48	1.02	0.93	1.10
	Oct. p	1.44	0.90	1.13	0.75	0.67	1.73	1.11
	Nov. p	0.66	0.64	0.44	0.59	1.12	0.49	0.75
	Dec. p	r 1.27	0.81	r 0.68	1.80	0.56	0.67	r 0.86
	Jan. 1960 p	0.42	0.58	0.56	1.31	0.68	0.44	0.58

(a) 54 years, 1905-1958.

NOTE: Rainfall figures are means of readings at selected stations in agricultural areas of each Statistical Division of the State.

